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FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ FROM AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, BR, IDB

SUBJECT: SECRETARY SHULTZ TRAVEL

REF: STATE 055849

1. I WAS SURPRISED TO RECEIVE YOUR CABLE REQUESTING INFORMATION ON YOUR APPOINTMENTS HERE IN BRASILIA. SOON AFTER WE RECEIVED WORD THAT YOU WERE PLANNING YOUR TRIP (STATE 039740 OF FEB 28) WE REPLIED (BRASILIA 1406, MARCH 1) THAT DUE TO QUOTE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 15, 1974, NO OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS CAN BE SOUGHT UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE WHEN NEW MINISTERS INSTALLED. END QUOTE. WE INFORMED YOUR STAFF ON MARCH 11 (BRASILIA 1687) THAT WE WERE TRYING TO CONTACT THE FINANCE MINISTER DESIGNATE TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU, AS WELL AS TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL. IN ADDITION, THE TREASURY ATTACHE HERE AT THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR STAFF ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT. I AM SURE YOU ARE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE CONFUSION THAT ACCOMPANIES CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT, AND THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF GETTING ANY DECISION MADE DURING THIS PERIOD. I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN TRYING TO MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND HAD MY CONSUL GENERAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO TRYING TO TRACK DOWN MINISTER SIMONSEN BEFORE HE WAS OFFICIALLY INSTALLED.

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2. AS I AM SURE YOU WILL HAVE LEARNED BY NOW (BRASILIA 1905),
FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN IS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOU
AND TO HOST A LUNCHEON FOR YOU, OTHER IDB DELEGATES, MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS, AND ACCOMPANYING CONGRESSIONAL AIDES. THIS
LUNCHEON WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND
MINISTER SIMONSEN. AFTER THIS SESSION, THERE WILL BE A
MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA. WE HOPE TO COMPLETE
YOUR SCHEDULE WITH A CALL ON PRESIDENT GEISEL. THE MEETINGS
WITH THE TWO MINISTERS ARE FIRM; WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED AN
ANSWER TO OUR REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH GEISEL. WE
HOPE TO HAVE WORD ON THAT SOON.

3. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE VERY USEFUL FOR YOU TO COME TO
BRASILIA AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT.
CRIMMINS

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